SIXTH DAY.

Friday, 14th June 1940.

The House reassembled at the Jagan Mohan Palace Pavilion on Friday, 14th June 1940, at 12 of the clock, Mr. President (*Amin-ul-Mulk* Sir Mirza M. Ismail, K.C.I.E., O.B.E., Dewan) in the Chair.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS—*contd.*

Statistics of Schools.

Q.—39. **Mr. M. NANJAPPA** (Channarayapatna Taluk).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

the number of primary schools, upper primary schools and middle schools in the State in 1915, 1920, 1925, 1930, 1935 and 1940?

A.—**The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, GENERAL DEPARTMENT (Mr. J. Appaji Gowda).**—

Information is furnished below:—

Kind of school	As on 30th June 1915	As on 30th June 1920	As on 30th June 1925
1	2	3	4
Primary Schools	3,839	9,422	6,148
Vernacular Middle, Incomplete Middle or Upper Primary Schools.	155 (Vernacular Schools)	205 Middle	314 (Incomplete Middle Schools)
Middle Schools	168	288*	227

Kind of school	As on 30th June 1930	As on 30th June 1935	As on 30th June 1940
	5	6	7
Primary Schools	6,455	5,865	6,054
Vernacular Middle, Incomplete Middle or Upper Primary Schools.	314 (Incomplete Middle Schools)	385 (Upper Primary Schools)	375
Middle Schools	285	326	357

* Includes Rural A. V. Schools.

Mr. B. SITHARAMIAH.—What was the reason for the big drop in the number of schools between the years 1920 and 1925 ?

Mr. J. APPAJI GOWDA.—Most of them were aided grant schools. As they were not working satisfactorily, they had to be closed.

Mr. H. KRISHNAMURTHI ACHAR.—Even subsequently, by the end of June 1935, there was a drop in the number of schools by more than 300. May I know the reason for this ?

Mr. J. APPAJI GOWDA.—Some Adikarnataka schools were amalgamated with the general schools and this accounts for the decrease in the number.

Mr. H. KRISHNAMURTHI ACHAR.—With reference to the answer that there were 3,839 primary schools on 30th June 1915, did they exist even before the Education Memorandum was given effect to or were they opened afterwards ?

Mr. J. APPAJI GOWDA.—They were in existence prior to giving effect to the Memorandum.

Mr. C. SUBBANNA NAIK.—Has any local education authority, being unable to provide its own quota, requested the Government to provide the requisite grant for the spread of elementary education in its jurisdiction ? If so, what action has been taken on its request ?

Mr. J. APPAJI GOWDA.—Some local education authorities have requested the Government to provide the grants required for the spread of elementary education. And Government have, as far as possible, complied with their requests.

Mr. C. SUBBANNA NAIK.—Has not the Kadur District Board been representing for the past several years that on account of its deficit budget, the Government themselves should provide the necessary grant for the expansion of elementary education in the district ?

Mr. J. APPAJI GOWDA.—Yes. But, according to the Act, the local education authority should provide its quota.

Mr. C. SUBBANNA NAIK.—But has the District Board not represented that it is difficult for it to levy an education cess during these hard times and that the Government should therefore come forward to its help by providing all the funds required ?

Mr. J. APPAJI GOWDA.—Notice.

Mr. C. SUBBANNA NAIK.—Has it come to the notice of Government that the cess income meant to be utilised for the expansion of primary education is in fact being utilised for middle school education ?

Mr. J. APPAJI GOWDA.—No.

Mr. C. SUBBANNA NAIK.—Is it a fact that the cess income is being utilised for expenditure on upper primary schools ?

Mr. J. APPAJI GOWDA.—Yes, because they are primary schools all the same.

Mr. C. SUBBANNA NAIK.—If any district board which has not adequate financial resources to provide the funds required for the spread of education requests Government to help it in the matter, will Government comply with the request at least in the future ?

Mr. J. APPAJI GOWDA.—The concerned local body should augment its revenues and find the necessary wherewithal.

Mr. C. SUBBANNA NAIK.—How can the local body augment its revenue unless it be by levying an education cess ? Will not the local body become unpopular if it levies the cess in these hard times ?

Mr. J. APPAJI GOWDA.—It is for the local body to devise ways and means of augmenting its revenue.

Mr. K. NANJAPPA NADIG.—Is it not evident from the figures furnished in the answer that the number of schools is on the decrease ?

Mr. J. APPAJI GOWDA.—There has no doubt been a decrease in the number of schools. This is due to the fact that some schools which had not been working satisfactorily were closed. But the number of students in the remaining schools has increased considerably.

Punishments of certain Village Officers.

Q.—40. Mr. Suranagi SIDDABASAPPA (Shikarpur Taluk).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the districtwar figures in respect of the 72 patels and the 45 shanbhogs referred to in the Revenue Administra-